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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that this Government have not been consulted in the matter. But I understand that there is a proposal with the Government of India to set up a laboratory for testing and grading essential articles in Cochin."

Plying of buses from Madras to Avadi during the Congress Session.

* 1387 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of buses allotted by the Government for the convenience of the delegates and others to attend the Congress Session at Avadi from Madras ;

(*b*) the number of State buses arranged from other towns;

(*c*) whether any new bus routes have been permitted to private bus owners to ply buses up to Avadi ;

(*d*) how many bus routes have been arranged to Avadi from Madras City; and

(*e*) the amount proposed to be spent by the Government to facilitate transport for the Congress Session?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Two hundred and eighty private buses were run between Madras and Avadi in connexion with the Indian National Congress Session at Avadi.

" (*b*) Government buses are not plying in any other town except in Madras City.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No new routes were granted to private bus owners but temporary permits were issued to the buses to ply from Madras to Avadi and back from four convenient loading points in the City on the following three routes, namely :—

(1) Northern route *via* Red Hills and Alamadi ;

(2) Middle route *via* Poonamallee High Road; and

(3) South route *via* Teynampet, St. Thomas Mount, etc

" (*e*) A sum of about Rs. 1,000 has been spent towards provision of amenities to drivers, conductors and passengers, at the bus stands in the City from where special buses were run to Avadi and on the staff employed for supervising the arrangements."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையிலிருந்து எத்தனை பஸ்கள் ஆவடி மகாநாட்டிற்கு விடப்பட்டன. இதனால் பொதுமக்கள் எவ்வளவு தூரம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not think that any State bus was run in this connexion. We wanted to see that passengers who were attending the Congress

Session and who had to be carried to the loading points were not put to any inconvenience. Therefore, we thought it wise to retain the State buses in the City of Madras itself."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR :—" May I know why a few Members of this House take particular interest in or are inquisitive about the Avadi Congress Session? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can the Hon. Minister answer that? "

Artificial Insemination Centres.

* 1388 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the insemination centres mentioned in answer to clause (*a*), Question No. 56, dated 15th December 1955, continues to function;

(*b*) if so, the names of such centres; and

(*c*) the success of insemination in these centres during 1953–54 after 31st August 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The following Insemination Centres are even now functioning in this State :—

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION CENTRES.

General.

1 Madras.
2 Coimbatore.
3 Ootacamund.
4 Madurai.

Key Village Scheme.

1 Hosur Cattle Farm.
2 Kangayam.
3 Vellakoil.
4 Cinchona.

Private Institution.

1 Kilacheri, Chingleput district.
2 Valarpuram, Chingleput district.
3 Idayakottai, Madurai district,
4 Neikarapatti, Madurai district.
5 Palayakottai, Coimbatore district.

The Artificial Insemination Centre at Valparai previously mentioned has since been shifted to Malayandipatnam and that at Kellamoongiladi to Chidambaram. Four additional centres have also since been opened at Sankarandanpalayam, Mulanur, Thoppampatti and Sikkanapuram.

" (*c*) The insemination work has been successful."